

## MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI SEPTEMBER 2015

Dear friends,

I hope that you have had a wonderful summer – relaxing, rejuvenating and restorative. With Labor Day approaching, we near the end of this season with the power and majesty of our High Holy Days just before us. A few words as we approach this sacred time:

Unlike all the other Jewish holidays, neither Rosh Hashanah nor Yom Kippur is linked to remembrance of liberation or commemoration of catastrophe. This is the time for the individual to concentrate on mortality and the meaning of life. Our tradition holds that the key to vital living is perpetual renewal of life; it seeks to attain that renewal by generating a continual process of examining life and constant rebirth. The awareness of being judged for life and death is a stimulus to stop living routinely. For a people who have experienced such pain and trauma, we actually are the inheritors of a tradition of immense optimism! That optimism is woven through our High Holy Day liturgy which tells us again and again that change is within our grasp and is possible. "Lo bashamayim hi, "-"Not in the heavens,"-impossible for us reach. "V'lo mei-ever la'yam" – "or beyond the sea" – too deep for us to ever go. No. Deuteronomy tell us, "No, the thing is very close to you, in your mouth and in your heart." In other words - you can do it.

This year, for the first time, I'm going to "preview" the sermons I'll be giving on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. On Rosh Hashanah, I'm going to speak about the power of stories to transform ourselves and the world. Stories have played a vital role in every human culture, from the beginning of time. Stories bring values to life by drawing a picture of worlds that can be. They animate and inspire, charge our imaginations, and fill us with energy, hope and excitement. This summer, in preparation for this sermon, I interviewed five extraordinary individuals, and on Rosh Hashanah I will tell their stories in their own words.

On Yom Kippur my subject is how we talk about death. For some time now, I've been fascinated by what I believe has been a sea change in the language that we use. It's more than just semantics – a choice of this word or phrase over that one. On the contrary, I believe that the language we choose shapes our minds and hearts and is directly related to choices that we make, choices with life or death consequences. Both sermons, then, address the choices we make and the persons we might grow into. I hope that you will find them thoughtprovoking.

A word about our services. They are a labor of love by so many people, those of us "in front" as well as those behind the scenes. But to be the most they can be, they need YOU. There is energy in community, power in voices raised together. I know this to be true: the more you invest (of your time, energy and attention), the more you will come back to you. Guaranteed.

I'm so looking forward to seeing you soon.

Rabbi Kim S. Geringer

# **President's Message**

It's September 1<sup>st</sup> as I'm writing this. Summer is preparing to come to a close, leading us into the High Holidays, along with cooler temperatures and earlier sunsets. A time of year that leaves us to reflect on the past year and all we've done, and to also be "thankful".

I want you all to know a very important thing was done on August 29th, and give a huge THANK YOU to Dayna, Cyndy and Syble who's efforts for the Art Auction were impeccable, as well as everyone that came out to support it by just stopping in, bringing friends and family, helping with setup/cleanup, or buying fine pieces of art, all of you made the event a great success! Many of you were asking that night if we got the 100 people we needed, and all we knew is that we were close, but not sure with everyone moving around. But by the end of the night we found out the answer was "yes we did"! I don't have final numbers of how much was raised yet, but it is in the ballpark of \$2k! That's amazing for our small community! And so I thank all of you for the tremendous support.

The Board and Fundraising Committee have successfully put out a small postcard mailing to the local area to let people know we are here; and we've been working diligently on cleaning up our website. I would be remiss if I didn't mention again, the wonderful new Machzors we'll be using for these High Holidays thanks to Rabbi Kim who found them, and Philip and Allan who got them all here for us to use. No easy task indeed! We are a small community with the hearts of giants. From the gentlemen; Allan, Jack and Charles who led 3 of our summer services, to Philip who provides wonderful music at all of our services, and works with our choir; to Madelyn who always makes our onegs a one of a kind experience, not to mention the gorgeous flowers that Filomena brings. Someone that makes us special fills every seat in our temple. As I reflect on 5 years ago in 2010 when I first met all of you to today, I want to say thank you for making these years, a warm and wonderful time.

L'Shana Tova,

Wendi Higgins

# Membership

Thank you all that have paid your dues! As you know we have been emailing invoices to everyone that has email, and snail mailing the others. The Board of Trustees appreciates your timeliness and continued support of our congregation. If you are contemplating on bringing guests or family members to our services please contact Madelyn Dunn at 609-660-1614 or via email at Justmemad@aol.com.

Part of our tradition is to also bring in the New Year by breaking the fast together after concluding services. Madelyn is also taking reservations for our Break the Fast. Join your spiritual family for a wonderful dairy meal!!

Keep spreading the word about our congregation...we love having new members join us....and tell them about our website....tons of information to pass along!

# **High Holidays**

If you have a part in our High Holiday services, the Ritual Committee requests that you please check in with Allan Levy or Mike Weiss upon your arrival so that they may check your name off the "Readers/Non-Readers" list and let the Rabbi know that you are there.

High Holiday Dates and Service Times						
Sunday,	7:00 PM					
September 13						
Monday,	10:00 AM					
September 14						
Tuesday,	7:00 PM					
September 22						
Wednesday,	10:00 AM					
September 23						
Wednesday,	2:00 PM					
September 23						
Wednesday,	4:00 PM					
September 23						
Wednesday,	Immediately					
September 23	following					
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# **Hebrew School**

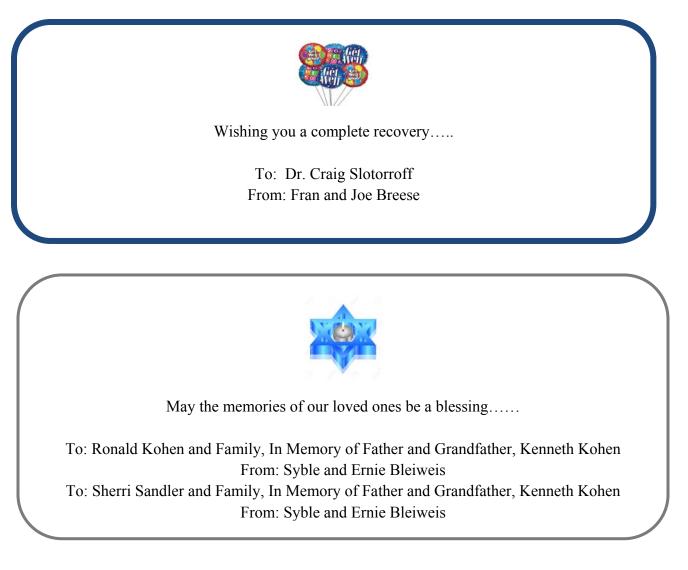
Due to High Holiday scheduling we will be starting Hebrew School in October. With our classes being held on Mondays, each holiday this year is effecting our time table! Iris Harari will be teaching class again, and we welcome her back! The first day of class will be Monday, October 5th. The students will meet from 5 to 7. Registration forms will be emailed to all families.

# **Temple Committees**

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## **Tributes Cards**

Tribute cards can be sent for weddings, engagements, promotions, bat and bar mitzvahs, in memory, births and any reason you may choose. The donation amount is \$5.00 and upwards in increments of \$5.00. It is a wonderful way to earn money for our temple. Just call Syble Bleiweis at <u>609-978-4240</u> or Joan Silverman at <u>609-698-</u> <u>0000</u> to send these cards.





Birthdays are always something to celebrate.....

Garrett MajewskiSeptember 4thSyble BleiweisSeptember 6thMadelyn DunnSeptember 14thMike WeissSeptember 21stMark KrieslerSeptember 21st

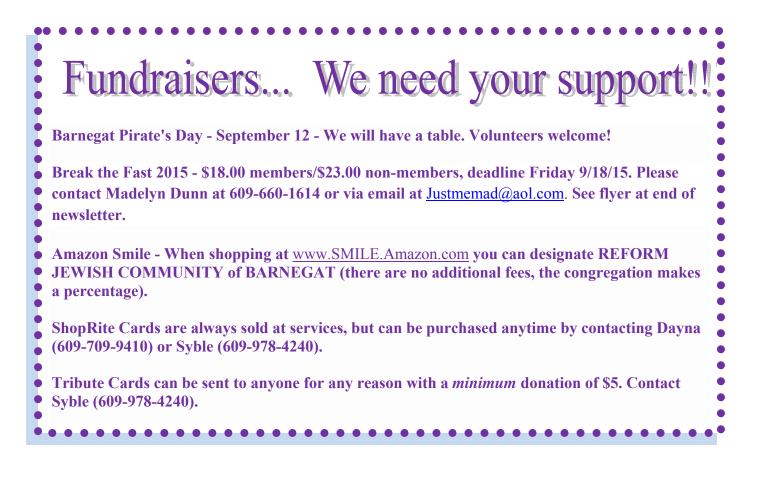


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#### May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing.

9/3/1973	Ida Berlin, (Grandmother of Syble Bleiweis)
9/3/1992	E. Jack Zeik, (Father of Debie Dieckmann)
9/10/1969	Maxwell Halpert, (Father of Marlene Feldhuhn)
9/14/1964	Hutka Chait Bailen, (Grandmother of Rosalie Donadio)
9/17/2009	Hanna Sales (Hasha), (Mother of Maralyn Ricciardi)
9/20/1986	Rose C. Liebowitz, (Aunt of Sheldon Wallerstein)
9/21/2011	Miriam Cohen, (Mother of Harriet Cohen)
9/24/2009	Richard Peare, (Son of Deanna Bovasso)
9/27/1965	Morris Rosen, (Father of Rhona Levy)
9/29/1995	Morris Grossman, (Father of Fran Breese)
9/30/1984	Abraham Flaxman, (Father of Joan Silverman)
9/30/1974	Sally Silverman, (Mother of Terry Silverman)



#### **Board of Trustees**

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Thursday September 10, 2015 at 7 PM. At present, the Board does not have a regular meeting location. The September Board meeting will be held at the home of Cyndy Friedland. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cyndy for directions (609-698-4459 or <u>cfriedland119@comcast.net</u>).

### **Kibbitz Corner**

### A message from Rosalie Donadio.....

The schedule of films for the Jewish Film Festival has been finalized. You may download the brochure at <u>www.jewishoceancounty.org</u>

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